

I. Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows with the following clean versions of the amended paragraphs in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121; marked-up versions of the paragraphs are presented in the following section.

Clean version of amended paragraphs:

On page 7, lines 13-14:

10 Figures 3A and 3B are detailed flowcharts of the inventive method; and

On page 11, line 10, to page 12, line 2:

15 Figure 3A and Figure 3B are flowcharts illustrating the operation of the inventive protocol. As will be seen, the client 10' sets up two (2) distinct sessions. A first secure session is set up between the client 10' and the proxy 15, and this session is used as a pipe or conduit for passing secret information between the client and the proxy. The first
20 secure session is represented by the first two columns of the flowchart. In addition, the client 10 also sets up a second secure session with the proxy, as represented by the last three columns of the flowchart, however, in this session the proxy 15 is used to tunnel to the origin server 12'. A tunnel
25 is an intermediary program that acts as a blind relay between two connections. Once active, a tunnel is not considered a

B² party to a given communication (e.g., an HTTP request or response), although the tunnel may have been initiated by that communication.
